

# STEEL SET FOR TUESDAY WALKOUT

## Race for Council Seats to Be Settled Next Tuesday

The Torrance Herald  
SAMPLE BALLOT

For MEMBER of the CITY COUNCIL	Vote for Three
NICKOLAS O. DRALE Incumbent	
BOB L. HAGGARD Incumbent	
EDWIN S. KARLOW Incumbent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VICTOR E. BENSTEAD, JR.	
GEORGE W. DOWNING Accountant	
ALBERT ISEN Attorney at Law	
MERVIN M. SCHWAB Foreman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
JACK E. WHITE Engineer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
For CITY TREASURER (Short Term)	Vote for One
HARRIET V. LEECH Incumbent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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ED KARLOW



JACK WHITE



M. M. SCHWAB

### Voters to Decide On Four Offices

To the polls Tuesday will go a portion of Torrance's 11,008 registered voters to elect three city councilmen and a treasurer. There are no propositions on the ballot. Counting of the ballots will be accomplished by the largest crew of election workers in the city's history (152) who will be tallying the markers of voters in 38 precincts, also the greatest number in the city's history. Running for the four-year term of councilmen are eight candidates — five independents and three on a ticket.

### \$500,000 Addition Slated for Refinery

A new engineering building will be constructed at the Torrance refinery of the General Petroleum Corporation, according to Gale L. Adams, General Petroleum's vice-president and director of manufacturing. The building, for which approval has been granted by the Petroleum Administration for Defense, will cost over \$500,000. It will house 131 engineering and administrative personnel on its two floors. Total area, including a basement for heating, ventilating and other equipment, will be 32,500 square feet.

More than 100 engineers will be transferred here, Adams said. Ground will be broken about May 1 for the new structure, which will be constructed by P. J. Walker Co. Albert C. Martin and Associates designed the building which is to be in a contemporary style brick exterior to match other buildings at the refinery.

### Primary Voters Must Register Before Friday

Prospective voters in the June 3 primary election were warned this week that next Thursday, April 10, is the final day of registration. A total of 11,008 voters are eligible to go to the polls, here Tuesday in the municipal election, according to the records of County Registrar Ben S. Hite.

### Talk of Big Surplus Blasted by Karlow

Charges that one of his colleagues on the City Council was either "ignorant" of the facts or purposely "hoodwinking" the residents of Torrance were leveled yesterday by Councilman Ed Karlow, a candidate for re-election. Target of Karlow's attack was Nick Drale and his statements that the city has accumulated a "surplus" of more than \$100,000. Karlow pointed to a report tendered this week by Logan R. Cotton, the city's auditor (a non-political office). Cotton stated that the city has no cash reserve in the direct meaning of the word. "Mr. Drale has continually misled the voters by telling them the city has a surplus. The term 'surplus' is a misnomer. Actually it is cash on hand. It cannot be considered as profit or surplus any more than a merchant can say that cash receipts at the end of the day or money in the till is surplus or profits," Karlow said.

### Drop Theft Charges Against Carl Pagac

The district attorney's office Friday refused to press charges against Carl Pagac, secretary-treasurer of several Torrance bowling leagues who was arrested last week on suspicion of grand theft charges involving approximately \$4700 in league funds. The district attorney's office refused to press the charge against Pagac because there had been no complaint signed against the bowling official. Don Armstrong, Pagac's attorney, told the court there was no indication that a crime had been committed since the funds were not due until this week. However, the 40-year-old former salesman is due in Municipal Court in San Pedro next Friday to enter a plea on a charge of filing a false report. Pagac, who lives at 1338 W. 218th St., on March 27 phoned police to report that his home had been burglarized. He told Det. Adrian Thornberry that someone had cut the screens on his home and stolen \$4700 in bowling league funds he had hidden in a thermos jug. Later, Thornberry said, Pagac confessed to spending the missing money on doctor bills, new fur

### Steelworkers Ready to Leave Mill Tuesday

Barring a last-minute settlement of wage disputes between the steel industry and the CIO United Steelworkers Union, the 1250 workers at the Columbia Steel Co. plant here will start shutting down the mill sometime Tuesday and will walk out at midnight. Plans for an orderly shutdown of the plant were agreed yesterday by management and members of the union's strike committee. The committee—composed of Vic Teer and Bob Wilson, presidents of the two locals, and member of the grievance committees—agreed to maintain trouble shooters in the plant to check for shorts and other emergencies while the men were out of the mill. Management will be given access to the plant during the

### Objections Prompt Explanation

ON ELECTION EDITORIAL

Since the publication of an editorial last Thursday, the Torrance Herald has been subjected to considerable criticism from local real estate men. It is hoped that this article will clarify our statements and will be considered as an apology to those realtors who have served this community and city so faithfully. The realtors accepted as a personal affront a statement made in an editorial regarding Bob L. Haggard, a real estate agent and candidate for city council. Such was not the intention of the editorial. The sentences found objectionable by the realtors were these: "We, the reporters, editors, and the publisher, are in accord that real estate men should not be councilmen. Mr. Haggard is in the real estate business. It is further questionable whether a real estate agent, ANY real estate agent, can use unbiased judgment when voting for the approval or disapproval of tract maps and other matters pertaining to new home subdivisions." Again we say, this statement was certainly not aimed at the civic-minded real estate men of this community as a group. The statement was made to clarify our stand in not endorsing Mr. Haggard as a candidate for the council. We did not wish to pin-point Mr. Haggard. We attempted to state our objections in a generalized manner. It is evident now that we should have been more explicit in our statements regarding Mr. Haggard. We regret the realtors construed the article to mean we were including them in the remarks we made about Mr. Haggard. The high-principled real estate salesmen, agents and brokers of this community have, and do, serve it well. They serve on the planning commission in an advisory capacity. Their services are given without pay, and the city reaps the advantages of their "know-how" concerning municipal developments. While the city is forced to hire expensive consultants in the case of bond issues and in the development of a new water system, the city is served gratuitously by real estate members of the planning commission. It is interesting to note that when matters concerning members of the planning commission come before the board, it is a common practice for the realtor concerned to excuse himself and leave the room while the matter is debated. Mr. Haggard, as a member of the city council, has not followed this practice in Council meetings. The planning commission only recommends, advises or suggests certain action. They take no final action on civic affairs. The City Council, on the other hand, of which Mr. Haggard is a member, does take the final action that makes laws out of proposals and ordinances out of suggestions. Perhaps a parallel situation could be described to illustrate why we think it difficult for Mr. Haggard as a realtor to act as a voting member of the council. A man wants to buy a piece of property. The land is owned by two partners. The purchaser certainly would not go to one of the partners and hire him as an agent to get him the "best deal" in the purchase of the land. The partner could not be expected to give his best effort to both his client nor to himself as one of the sellers. Again we say to the real estate men and women who serve in commendable civic activities and in the high level private practices which are so helpful to their clients, we regret extremely that you construed it to mean you were included in the remarks we made about Mr. Haggard. The Herald and the 31,000 residents of Torrance appreciate your services.



REFINERY ADDITION . . . Construction of this \$500,000 engineering-administration building at the GP refinery here is slated to get under way early next month. More than 100 of the company's engineers will be transferred from other locations to the new building when completed.

### Willett Named Elk Esquire

Otto B. Willett, presiding judge of the Torrance City Court, was installed as Esquire at Redondo Beach Lodge 1378, BPOE, last Thursday evening. Judge Willett, who has just completed his three months assignment in Division 11, L. A. Municipal Court, stated that he will now have more time to devote to local judicial proceedings and to his law practice here.

### We Think It May Be a Good Idea—After Election!

We're not just certain what game it is that the boys are playing in tearing down election posters, but whatever it is we know it isn't cricket. Described by several citizens was a man in a black Mercury who was seen ripping down posters of Council Candidates Bob L. Haggard, Ed Karlow, Jack White, and George Downing.

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A large metal sign of Mayor Haggard's was damaged. Earlier last week one of the candidates was seen to have removed Haggard's sign, place it in his car and speed away. Later, chided about the incident, the candidate coughed up \$15 to replace the election booster.